



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

## **The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a private, not-for-profit organization formed in 1980; is a statewide partnership of domestic violence programs and shelters; and has engaged communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence reminds us that domestic violence is defined as the systemic use of coercion and domination to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner through the use of verbal, physical, sexual and psychological violence; and that that societal abuse of power and domination in the forms of sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism, anti-Semitism, ageism, and other oppressions foster battering by perpetuating conditions which condone violence against women and children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence recognizes domestic violence is widespread, including one in three Americans who have witnessed an incident of domestic violence and with an annual cost to U.S. companies of \$3.5 billion in lost work time, increased health care costs, higher turnover, and lower productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence recognizes that everyone has the right live without harm or without the fear of harm; and that violence within the home and within relationships breaks the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the spirit of aloha that exists in our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2013, as

## **"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the work of the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and their efforts to prevent domestic violence and to serve those suffering in abusive relationships.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of September 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i